

THE MINERAL INDUSTRY OF

KUWAIT

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The production and refining of crude oil remains the mainstay of Kuwait's economy. It was the world's 14th leading oil producer (U.S. Energy Information Administration, [undated], Table 4.1a—World crude oil production [including lease condensate]—1970-1999, accessed December 26, 2000, at URL <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/ipsr/t4.1a.txt>; Table 4.1b—World crude oil production [including lease condensate]—1970-1999,

accessed January 1, 2001, at URL <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/ipsr/t4.1b.txt>; and Table 4.1c—World crude oil production [including lease condensate]—1970-1999, accessed December 26, 2000, at URL <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/ipsr/t4.1c.txt>).

For more extensive coverage of the minerals industry of Kuwait, see the 1997 Minerals Yearbook, volume III, The Mineral Industries of Africa and the Middle East.

TABLE 1
KUWAIT: PRODUCTION OF MINERAL COMMODITIES 1/ 2/

(Metric tons unless otherwise specified)

Commodity	1995	1996	1997	1998 e/	1999 e/
Chlorine e/	50,000	50,000	45,000 r/	45,000	45,000
Cement e/ thousand tons	1,950	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Clay products, nonrefractory, sand lime l cubic meters	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Lime, hydrated and quicklime e/	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Natural gas: 3/					
Gross million cubic meters	10,870	10,890	10,870	11,100 r/	10,900
Dry do.	9,280	9,300	9,250	9,500 r/	9,400
Natural gas liquids e/ thousand 42-gallon barrels	35,000 r/	35,000 r/	37,000 r/	37,000 r/	38,000
Nitrogen:					
N content of ammonia	492,800	411,900	432,000	452,300 r/ 4/	396,800 4/
N content of urea	390,800	356,300	348,500	361,300 r/ 4/	330,900 4/
Petroleum:					
Crude 3/ thousand 42-gallon barrels	752,265	743,047	760,295	761,025 4/	708,000
Refinery products:					
Gasoline, motor do.	16,170	13,874	15,475	17,600 r/	17,000
Kerosene do.	49,494	44,202	49,303	51,600 r/	50,000
Distillate fuel oil do.	88,914	86,742	96,754	91,800 r/	92,000
Residual fuel oil do.	66,940	73,770	82,270	71,600 r/	72,000
Other do.	78,402	52,067	58,882	87,100 r/	80,000
Total do.	299,920	270,655	302,684	320,000 r/	311,000
Salt	37,038	100,000 e/	100,000 e/	100,000	100,000
Sodium and potassium compounds, caustic soda e/	60,000	78,000	78,000 r/	78,000	78,000
Sulfur:					
Elemental, petroleum byproduct	559,000	595,000	664,000	665,000	675,000
Sulfuric acid e/	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

e/ Estimated. r/ Revised.

1/ Table includes data available through December 26, 2000.

2/ Estimated data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

3/ Includes Kuwait's share of production from the Partitioned Zone.

4/ Reported figure.